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PROSPERITY AND THE SCHOOLS

One of the most unerring signs of prosperity may be noted with the opening of the schools throughout the state. At the various state institutions the early enrollment has been so large, compared with that of other recent years, that it is being generally commented upon. A similar story is being told relative to the public schools in the cities and towns throughout the state.

School attendance invariably falls off with the advent of hard times. When there is a depression throughout the country, or in a particular locality, the first effect is a decrease in school attendance. The boy and the girl who have been attending school must, at such times, become bread winners. Every member of the household must contribute to the family purse to make ends meet. That is the history of the average American family, wherein the slightest turn of the tide compels retrenchment.

But this year Oklahoma is in the midst of prosperity. The soil has yielded bountifully. Instead of a deficiency the average family is blessed with a surplus. Not large in many instances, perhaps, but sufficient to give the boy and girl the chance to obtain that which should be denied to none—an education.

The loss of a fortune to a man in mature years is incomparable to that which deprives youth of the advantages attaching to education. Often the father finds it an easy matter to recoup his loss. The latter, deprived of educational advantages, enters the race of life seriously handicapped.

NEW YORK PROGRESSIVES

Progressives are gradually disappearing in New York, according to the New York Tribune, and there are excellent reasons for this when the peculiar conditions that obtain in New York are taken into consideration.

Whatever reforms are necessary in the state of New York must come from the Republican party. The "third party" in the Empire state as a party in control of the government and having power to put in effect by statute and administration its peculiar policies is a remote possibility, while a division of the better party is to give the state, partially or fully, into the control of Tammany Democracy, which is not an organization that stands for utilitarian principles, but one representing organization to benefit from spoils obtainable by securing control of the governmental machinery.

However lofty the ideals of third partyists in New York, it must be evident to those who have analyzed political conditions in that state and have noted the trend in recent years, that nothing tangible can be achieved by such separation from the mother organization, while segregation, if of sufficient strength to effect any notable results, means an accentuation of the very conditions that may be regarded as unsatisfactory.

The German military organization has given the world a wonderful lesson as to the power represented by integrity. If it has any faults, they could not be corrected by division. That would mean weakness, instead of strength, and would give the enemy the opportunity necessary to triumph. If the Republican party is at fault, those faults should be corrected within the party.

The Roman policy was, "Divide and conquer." That also is Tammany's policy. Progressives in New York have seen the point.

SHAME OF A STATE

Leslie Niblack of the Guthrie Leader fearlessly calls attention, through the columns of his publication, to a matter that has been discussed in every part of the state by persons who have returned from attending the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco—the failure of the last legislature to make a suitable appropriation for a representative Oklahoma exhibit at the great international fair.

Niblack says that "downright parsimony and pigheadedness on the part of the last legislature has lost Oklahoma millions of dollars in advertising."

Arkansas paid \$25,000 for a building at the exposition and generously let Oklahoma have half its floor space for \$4,500, the amount so magnanimously recommended by Governor Willard and voted by the legislature. That Oklahoma has any representation at all largely is due to the enter-

prise and energy of a woman Mrs. Fred Sutton. Had it not been for her personal efforts there would have been no appropriation made for even the leased quarters.

It is just another instance going to show how Oklahoma, one of the best in the galaxy of commonwealths, is deprived of merited advantages and is being actually retarded by a group of incompetent, self-serving politicians.

Citizens who would have this state come into its own, can, in the face of such a combination of selfishness, parsimony and cupidity, only groan, "How long O Lord, how long?"

FACTS VERSUS PROMISES

General dissatisfaction is prevalent relative to the work of the state board of equalization, if complaints coming in from every quarter are to be accepted as a criterion.

Meanwhile the paid press agent of the administration, instead of justifying the assessments made, is telling the people that everything will be made all right next year.

Such talk doesn't convince the county assessors who from time to time come to the capital and, almost on bended knee, begged that assessments made by them to meet the demands of the board of equalization, and which they believed too high, be not further raised.

"Go back and raise the assessment to the figure at which we have placed it," was the almost invariable reply. "We are going to raise so much money for the state and we don't purpose falling below that amount. We have placed the assessment of these items at so much in other counties and your county will have to fix it at the same amount. If you can't make the amount up on one item, place it on another—but raise the amount we want."

That, in substance, was the reply made in practically every instance. The assessors know it to be true.

They told the board that most of the best horses had been shipped out on account of the European war, that the horses and mules remaining were not of the taxable value placed upon them. They told the board that lands and town lots, in many instances, could not be sold at the taxable value placed on them.

Yes, the assessors know it, and the tax-payers will find it out in due time. They will have only to look at the tax receipt. It is then that the press agent's promise of a sugar loaf tomorrow will not take away the bitterness of the medicine administered today.

IMPROVEMENT IN COTTON

Extraordinary precipitation in this state up to the middle of August rendered the outlook lugubrious for the cotton crop, but reports from over the state the past week had a better tone and cotton men now are saying there will be a very fair crop with continued warm weather and a late frost. It is said that never before in the same time has cotton developed better than from August 1 up to the present time.

Moreover, with the growing hope that the European war will come to an end before the beginning of a new year, cotton men express the belief that the price for the fleecy staple largely will make up for the deficiency in quantity, and the deferred maturity of the crop will perhaps prove a benefit instead of a detriment.

THE LAST WORD

It remained for the Atlanta Constitution, the leading newspaper in the state of Georgia, to say the last word relative to the Frank affair. It drew the curtain on the terrible tragedy in these words:

"It is Georgia—Georgia law and justice—that was hanged upon that Cobb county tree."

Prosperity indicators: Dollar wheat, corn approaching 80 cents, broomcorn \$80 to \$120, zinc \$80, oil at 80 cents, and Germany offering 15 cents for cotton.

The national deficit for the first two months of the current fiscal year is \$29,217,775. Cost of Jeffersonian simplicity.

Times' Spillway

Best authority we know of says natural gas supply is danger of running out—Pensacola, Orlan, Drumright oil deposit.

Oddly, in the list of Oklahoma industries, no mention is made of the "mountain dew" factories in the counties along the eastern state line.

In Altus News: "Jeff is a live wire, and is taking to the lumber business like a sick kitten to hot brick."

Since C. G. Ebert's horse broke the tie by defeating Ike Lucas' mare in a race, Cleveland folk again have turned to European war news for excitement.

New railroad from Cushing to Drumright has spotted the game of the chauffeur who, carrying traveling men from one town to the other, hooked his horse to let his hold-up confederates know that good picking was at hand.

"We put 'wake in Wewoka,'" reads an advertisement of an oil company in that town.

Reason the machine Democrats are so mad about the fair election law initiated by the Socialists is that it is fair and workable, connects Seminole Capital.

Wellston News hands out this sensible advice: "Be a live one and buy of live ones."

FOR THE SUPPER TABLE

The Times
Veal Cutlets with 1/2 lb. Sweet Sauce
Creamed Potatoes
Fruit Whip
Office

PERSONAL QUESTIONS

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Twenty-Six Years Ago

Twenty-six years ago, on the 13th of September, 1884, the first issue of the Oklahoma Times was published. The paper was then owned by John Fields, and was published by the Oklahoma Times Company.

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The Oracle

Dear Oracle—What are the exact steps necessary to follow in order to get married, and how much does it cost?—GEO. J.

Your question is somewhat indefinite, Geo. J. You do not state whether you have got anything to marry or not in case you are still free and unmarried. Trade is unable to give an estimate of the expense necessary to get into a marriageable condition. If the other party is anxious to marry you, you don't need to spend anything. In case the other party is undecided, however, you will have to ask your check book every week or two.

Oracle recommends the beautiful little two dollar service for getting married. This is very effective, and lasts just as long as the imported ceremony. Simply walk up to the first minister you see, and ask him if he wants to make two dollars. You are just the man he is looking for. It doesn't cost much to get married, Geo. J. What you have to pay afterwards that makes the morgues so prosperous.

Getting married is quite a strain until you get used to it, for it is only natural to feel that you have got a white elephant on your hands. When you go up to get married, don't act nervous or timid, but yawn and look at your watch every few minutes. It is well to light a cigar. This will make the minister believe you are used to getting married, and he will not feel so sorry for you.

Say yes every time the minister looks at you and raises his eyebrows. In case he hesitates and looks at you questioningly after you have said yes a couple of times, you must slip him the two dollars, for it is very hard for a minister to work unless he has got an inspiration, and two dollars is the highest inspiration that a minister can have.

When you are quite married, the minister will hold out his hand, and you must shake it, for this is a sign that he has earned the two dollars, and that you are a married man. —ORACLE.

When a man sits through an amateur show, it means that he belongs to the lodge, or has a relative in the cast.

Women, often masquerade as men, but no man seems to think it worth while to masquerade as a woman.

What, by the way, is the object of the semi-colon?

The smaller the town, the more important an egg with two yolks becomes.

Before a man hires a stenographer

Even a King can't dictate what you should like or not like

If it so happened that Fatimas were originally "Made and blended for the King of What?"—would that fact prove that you were going to like Fatimas best? It would not.

A man's taste is his own. A cigarette that might delight some old potentate's palate would not necessarily please you.

That's why we leave Fatimas up to your taste.

But there is something more than good taste that is mighty important to you.

No matter how good-tasting a cigarette may be—it can only be the SENSIBLE cigarette for you if it is comfortable, too.

Its pure tobacco must be cool and comfortable to your throat at all times. And it must leave you feeling fine and fit at the end of a hard-smoking day.

Will it do all that?

Then, it is the sensible cigarette for YOU.

There are thousands and thousands of men who believe that Fatima is the most sensible cigarette there is.

Try them yourself. You may discover—as these thousands of other men have—that Fatimas

he asks to see her letters of recommendation. But he seldom is so particular with the woman he marries.

Every man gambles a little. That is to say he takes a year, buys a new hat, betting \$5 that his wife will stand for it.

Every writer's conception of Father Time seems to be that of an elderly man with two buttons off his under-shirt.

Men have their limitations. A man couldn't save enough combings to make a switch in a hundred years.

The public never forgets a scandal. Lately attention has again been directed to the fact that Adam and Eve never were married.

Good acting often falls to win airplanes. But legendary with the star-strangled battler seldom falls to get a curtain call.

The dimple in a woman's knee appears to be about the only feminine charm which fashion has been unable to capitalize.

The telegraph carries the information that Mr. Bryan has had his trousers pressed. Mr. Bryan's concession to sartorial elegance will meet with general approval, but he should have yielded ten years ago.

Eternal vigilance is only another name for a woman whose unmarried daughter is beginning to take flesh.

An ornery man's dog sticks to his master. But a good man's dog often disappears, leaving no clue.

It is cheaper to go by way of the water wagon, and that will account for a number of the fares.

Eph Wiler says the surgeons who are bragging about the new nose they never heard his wife's preacher.

If you do one thing pretty well, that is enough. Very few of the really efficient performers are able to double in brass.

Visitors To The Capital

Ewers White was in from his Potawatomie county farm Saturday in a most optimistic frame of mind. Mr. White says that the next seven years in Oklahoma are going to be not only good ones, but excellent ones. "Crops are going to be fine and I am going to go in the corn and hog stronger than ever. They have always made me money." In discussing alfalfa, of which he is a large grower, Mr. White said that seed of that wonderful plant would be scarce this year and that those who contemplated extending their acreage would have to resort to seed of last year's growth, of which, fortunately, there is plenty in the country. This season has been so much wetter than usual that the plant has had too much a growth for the best production of seed, according to the Times Mr. White said. "You are getting out the best paper in the state."

Loggatt's Myers Tobacco Co.

FATIMA was the Only Cigarette Awarded the Grand Prize at the Panama Pacific International Exposition.



FATIMA
THE TURKISH BLEND
Cigarette

20 Distinctive Individual 15¢
20 FATIMAS 15¢